मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय के अधीन विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में निजीकरण

1498. **मौलाना अबुल्ला खान आजमी :** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय के अधीन विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में निजीकरण शुरू करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री अर्जुन सिंह) : (क) और (ख) मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय के अन्तर्गत किसी सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रम में सरकारी इक्विटी के निविनियोग का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है । आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान स्वायत्तशासी संगठनों, न्यासों अथवा उद्योग -संघों के माध्यम से उच्च और तकनीकी शिक्षा में निजी क्षेत्र की पहल को बढ़ावा दिया जाएगा और शिक्षा के स्तर और गुणवत्ता पर सरकार का पूर्ण नियंत्रण रखा जाएगा तथा प्रतिभाशाली और निर्धन छात्रों के लिए फ्रीशिप, छात्रवृत्तियों और अन्य प्रकार की सहायता की पर्याप्त व्यवस्था की जाएगी ।

Paucity of Literature for Children

1499. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the paucity of children's literature in Indian languages,; and

(b) if so, the measures Government propose to take to encourage writing of such literature?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The literature for children is already being produced by the National Book Trust, India, Publications Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and National Council of Educational Research & Training. The Publications Division is bringing out some books of general interest for children and a monthly journal under the title "Bal Bharati" in Hindi. The National Book Trust is also bringing out well-written and colourfully illustrated books for children in various Indian languages under the Nehru Bal Pustakalaya series. Besides, the Trust has initiated the following short-term measures for promoting publication of children's books in all languages of the country:

(i) search and identification of suitable children's books already published in various languages and encouragement of their translation into other languages;

(ii) procurement and examination of award winning outstanding children's books and classics produced in other countries and acquiring their copyright clearance for translation and publication in Indian languages;

(iii) encouragement to authors, illustrators and private publishers/voluntary agencies to produce books for children by providing assistance for the preparation and processing of the illustarted manuscripts; and

(iv) promotion of Readers' Club movement. The Trust is also working on a project for setting up of a National Centre for Children's Literature to collect and wake available to publishers, authors, illustrators and others interested in children's literature, at one place, as much as possible of indigenous and foreign material, expertise and know-how relevant to the promotion of a rapid and balanced development of children's literature.

Jha Committee Report

1500. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the report of Jha Committee set up by All India Council for Technical Education last November to look into the ra)ionalisation of fee structures at higher level of technical education; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The report of the Jha Committee set up by the All India Council for Technical Education is to be considered by the Council at its next meeting alongwith the recommendations of the Executive Committee of the Council.